

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3940**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Medical Records fees		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3940 amends Section 44-7-325, 44-115-80 and 44-115-110 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to fees that may be charged for copying medical records. The Bill allows a service fee to be charged for duplicated medical records sent to another physician when requested by the patient. The Bill extends the authorization for health care facilities and health care providers to charge service fees to include "agents" of a physician or health care facility. The Bill authorizes physicians to charge a fee, not to exceed \$10, for delinquent payments for medical record duplication.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Health & Environmental Control, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Disabilities & Special Needs and the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) each indicate this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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